A Homegoing Celebration

for

Inez Marshall

Sunrise
May 17, 1931

Sunset
April 6, 2011

Services Held
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
12:00 Noon
at
Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
831 South 43rd Street
Richmond, California
Rev. Dr. James Spearman,
Host Pastor

Officiating
Rev. Gerald Campbell, Pastor
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Mall Road
Richmond, California

. . .From Labor to Reward . . .

Inez Marshall was born May 17, 1931, in Hernando, Mississippi to the late UZ and Lizzie Townsend. Two daughters were born to this union: Inez and Alberta. In 1937, the family moved to Memphis, Tennessee. In 1943, her parents moved to Richmond, California to prepare a better life for their family. Inez and Alberta remained in Mississippi with their Grandmother. Inez received her primary education in Nesbitt, Mississippi. After relocating to California she continued her education at Roosevelt Jr. High and Richmond High schools.

Inez accepted Christ and received her "BA (*born again*) degree" at the age of 12. She was baptized at New Bethel Baptist Church in Nesbitt, Mississippi which began her everlasting and eternal journey with the Lord. Later in 1943, Inez and Alberta moved to Richmond, California to live with their parents. She united with the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. G. W. Dowthard. For 67 years she was an active and dedicated member. She held many titles, which included Usher, Youth Supervisor, Choir President, Secretary, Deaconess, Program Chairman, Culinary Director, and Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary. Actually, she held about every position in the church except pastor. She also served faithfully for the Home and Foreign Mission District Association for many years as President of the Women's Auxiliary.

In 1947, she met the one and only love of her life, O.D. Marshall. On June 27, 1948, they were married and five children were born to this union: Walter (Kenny), Debrah (Debbie), Linda, Carol and Mickie who preceded her in death.

Inez began her career by working at the cleaners of the late Bro. Sam Herron. Inspired by Bro. Herron, Inez and O.D. started their own dry cleaning business, Marshall's Cleaners located on Cutting Boulevard in Richmond, which remained opened for many years.

Inez worked as a Mentor for the South Side Community Center which opened doors for her to communicate, counsel, and minister to young people from all walks of life. She worked for the Richmond Unified School District for 18 years as an assistant to counselors. Inez worked most of her career at Portola Jr. High School. She retired from the district in 1987. From owning Marshall's Cleaners, Marshall's Record Shop to Women's Outcall Apparel, Mother Marshall continued to demonstrate her entrepreneurial leadership skills which she instilled in others.

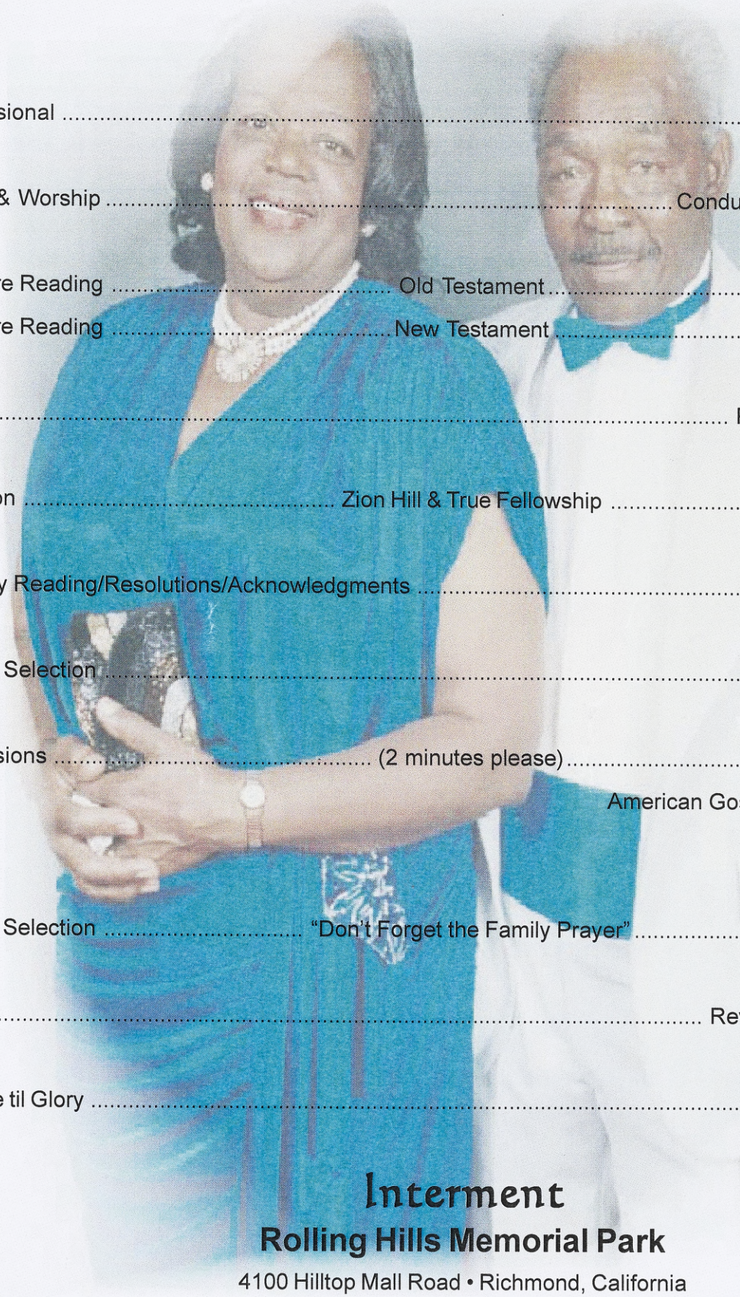
Inez's famous pastimes were: cooking, fishing, singing and being around her children. On Sunday's after church you could go to her home and always find a house full of people enjoying her delicious Sunday meals.

Mother Marshall will be best remembered by her harmonious gospel voice. While other kids her age were hanging out, you could find Mother Marshall in church doing the work of the Lord. In 1949 she joined a gospel quartet group called the "Faithful Four". Also in 1949, she joined the American Gospel Singers Association (AGSA) where she served in many capacities and faithfully served as State President until her health began to fail. Everyone would know when she was in the house of the Lord, because she loved to make a joyful noise. You could hear her as she would sound out one of those old hymnals: *"I Love the Lord He Heard My Cry*", "*Shine on Me*', or her famous solos "*Talking About a Child who Loves Jesus*", "*When You Hear of My Home Going, Don't Worry About Me*", "*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*", and the list goes on. One of the last songs she sang with her children: "*If You Don't See Me No More, I'll be Alright*".

Our beloved mother, grandmother, godmother, sister, aunt and friend touched so many lives in so many precious ways. Her memories will last **FOREVER**. She was a special, caring, kind and giving person to all. We can rest assured that God has stretched out his arms and said, "Welcome my child, thy good and faithful servant! And we can hear her saying, "**TO GOD BE THE GLORY, I MADE IT**!"

She leaves to cherish her precious memories of the joys of her life: one son, Walter (Kenny) Marshall (Yvonne) of Richmond; three daughters: Debrah Wingo of Richmond, Linda Wright (Odis) of Vallejo and Carol Bridgeman (Wester) of Sacramento, her only sister, Alberta Nichols (James) of Richmond; 14 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She leaves her god sons: Arlington Houston, Aaron Holmes, Anthony Wade, Anthony Jones, and Charles Hopkins. She also leaves the AGSA family, the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church family, the True Fellowship Baptist Church family, and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Order of Service



Processional		Ministers & Family
Praise & Worship		Conducted by Cory Bridgeman
Scripture Reading	Old Testament	Pastor Charles Hopkins
Scripture Reading	New Testament	Rev. Ronnie Spencer
Prayer		Pastor Robert K. Gordon
Selection	Zion Hill & True Fellowship	Mass Choir
Obituary Reading/Resolutions/Acknowledgments		Yvonne Marshall
Musical Selection		Zettie Gooden
Expressions	(2 minutes please)	Family & Friends
		American Gospel Singers Association
		Pastor Emily Simon
Musical Selection	"Don't Forget the Family Prayer"	The Marshall Family
Eulogy		Rev. Walter K. Marshall, Sr.
Glimpse til Glory		Rose Manor Staff

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Repast immediately following interment at:

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Dining Hall

From Mom

To God be the Glory! I got my ticket,
I stepped on board and I MADE IT HOME!
I often sang, "When you hear of my
homegoing don't worry bout me."
It's time for me to go, I've been here a long time.
I did the best that I knew how, to teach each of you right from
wrong; and how to depend on God.
When you need help, joy, a blessing, or advice, now that I'm
gone, consult the Lord first. You know I loved all of you.
You are such gifts from God.
But now, God has called me home,
I'll be waiting for you around the throne.
Please remember Proverbs 3:5-6;
"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine
own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and
HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS"
Have a wonderful life, I'LL BE WAITING . . . !

~ Mom ~

Active Pallbearers

Walter K. Marshall, Jr.
Carmeron Bridgeman
Thomas Marshall
Joel Bridgeman
Wester Bridgeman
Faraji Wright

Honorary Pallbearers

Odis J. Wright
David Willis
Anthony Wade
Wester Bridgeman, Sr
Arlington Houston
Michael Willis
Aaron Holmes
Ronald Marshall

Inez & Alberta

Acknowledgments

Thank you for your prayers, which have increased our faith;
your words, which have encouraged our hearts,
and your presence which has given us shoulders to lean on.
Please continue to pray for us, and may
God's blessings forever shine on each of you.
With sincere gratitude – The family of Inez Marshall

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

Rose Manor Funeral Service

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